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"New Orleans, Louisiana
"December 10th, 1963

"I, DAVID W. FERRIE, hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY, who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1955, or thereabouts, I assisted, for a time, the Moisant Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, at Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana, though I cannot establish through personal records or recollection the exact dates of this connection. I have no records, or recollection, to my knowledge, to show that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was, or was not, a member of this particular unit of the Civil Air Patrol. To my best knowledge and belief I do not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and have no personal recollection of ever having met him. If I did ever meet him it was very casual and to the best recollection have definitely not seen him in recent years.

"In the last fifteen years I have been in Dallas, Texas, infrequently, usually I only stopped at the airport. I have not frequented the night clubs in the city of Dallas in the last fifteen years. To my knowledge, I have never met JACK RUBY who, I understand, from public sources, operated a night club in Dallas, Texas. I have seen a photograph of JACK RUBY, and I do not recognize this photograph to be a person with whom I am acquainted.

"I have been asked if I am acquainted with BILL DE MAR. I am told that he operates a mind-reading act at the Statler Hilton in Dallas, Texas. I have never known of this person.

[illegible] LEE HARVEY OSWALD. [illegible] I have never been connected [illegible]

[illegible] connected with Civil [illegible] CAP [illegible]

been a member for a complete course would not have received enough training with firearms to enable him to develop any proficiency in the use of a gun, in my opinion. Instructions were never given, to my knowledge and recollection, to use a telescopic sight on a rifle. The guns used were generally fire-arms owned by the members themselves and for the most part this would mean .22 calibre rifles. I have no personal recollection of LEE HARVEY OSWALD ever being a member of any cadet class that I instructed and have no records or photographs which would establish that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had ever been connected in any way with the CAP.

"I have for years been a student of hypnotism. From my study and knowledge of the effects of hypnotic induction and the subsequent hypnotic states, I do not believe it would be possible to induce a post-hypnotic suggestion, orginarily, which would last long enough without a series of repeated suggestions, to enable an individual to commit a crime, especially one involving a series of discretionary judgements.

"I am acquainted with an individual named JACK S. MARTIN, SR. of 1311 N. Prieur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. MARTIN has told me of how he has secured numerous honorary titles and degrees and has shown me certificates of them, which in my opinion are probably worthless. I myself have never sold or distributed any of these documents, and have no knowledge of BILL DE MAR or any information that he has any type of fraudulent medical or college degree.

"I realize that in the city of New Orleans my name has been associated with that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by certain persons. However, to the best of my recollection and belief I have never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

"I have personally typed this statement of two and a half pages and it is true and correct to the best of knowleedge belief and recollection at this time."

/s/ "DAVID W. FERRIE"

"Wintess: REGIS L. KENNEDY, SA, FBI, New Orleans, La., 12/10/63."

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Note is how the FBI got to the root of the Ferrie matter: by letting him conduct the investigation of himself. It is not unusual to take statements from those being "investigated" but it also is not usual to permit them to determine the things that interest the FBI. Even then Ferrie gilded the lily by saying of the trivia he mentioned only that "it is true to the best [illegible] belief and recollection at this time". At another time